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Dear Council,

As shoreline property owners and lovers of the natural environment, my wife and I are dismayed at the lack of clear planning goals and environmental science underlying the draft SMP update. The SMP update betrays an undocumented aesthetic bias, one that values a shoreline of untouched native vegetation over a turn-of-the-century Eagle Harbor boathouse. Been to the coast of Maine, or Italy, recently? Our native sea-going river otters seem to prefer the boathouse! How do we measure a healthy eco-system?

Basing the SMP update on scientific theory – well educated conjecture – is not appropriate. When theory is confirmed or negated by study results, then lets act. For instance, many studies have documented the loss of health of the Sound due to pollutants funneled to the Sound through storm water drainage systems leading from paved roadways and parking areas. There are no studies confirming damage to the environment due to docks, bulkheads, and the gardens and lawns of the Island's shoreline residences.

Lets fix something that is actually broken! How about a focus on better storm water runoff treatment from downtown Winslow. We've already started this process with the new bio-swales on Winslow Way.

Regards

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